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1. Production Plans for the Coal Industry in 1948

- a. Capital destined to be invested in industry in 1948 amounts to 66,120,279,000 zł. (i.e. one-third of the total capital investment plans of the budget). Out of these 66 billion zł., 27 billion are to be supplied by the State. The fact that 13,300,000,000 zł. out of the total industrial investment of 66 odd billion zł. are destined for the coal industry, shows that the latter is regarded as the key industry which guarantees the development of other branches of industry.
- b. As the coal target for 1947 - 57,500,000 tons - was fully achieved and there was even an excess of 1,625,675 tons, it may be assumed that the 1948 target laid down as 67,500,000 tons will also be reached.
- c. The coal industry comprises 77 active hard coal mines, 11 coke plants, 4 brickette plants, 36 active power plants and 120 auxiliary production plants. 250 plants employ 295,000 workers. There are two difficulties in achieving the targets: the problems of man power and equipment.
- d. For the last few months of 1947 the average extraction of coal per month was 5,300,000 tons, which yields an annual ratio of about 63,000,000 tons. The target for 1948 has been laid down as 67,500,000 tons, and it is reasonable to believe that this aim will be achieved. Thus 98% of pre-war, 1938, extraction should be accomplished (the figure for 1938 was 69,058,000 tons).

2. Brown Coal Extraction Plan for 1948

There are nine brown coal mines, and plans have been made for the extraction of 4,200,000 tons. In view of the fact that the caloric value of brown coal is very low, plans are being made for large scale development of chemical industry based on extraction from brown coal, such as the production of certain types of coke, gas, oils, lubricants, paraffin, fuel oils, etc.

3. Coke Production

Seventy-five percent of pre-war figures were achieved in 1947 and it is hoped that 3 million tons of coke will be produced in the 11 coke plants during 1948.

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4. Brickette Production

- a. 650,000 tons from hard coal
- b. 149,000 tons from brown coal

5. Electric power

The targets for 1948 lay down a production of 1,608,000,000 kwh for the 36 powerplants of the coal industry.

6. Equipment

Great shortages in materials, machinery, and tools have been overcome in part. The shortages were due to stoppage of production during the war years, devastation of factories and mines and post-war action aimed at modernizing the mines in order to increase production. A new office was created under the name "Union of Mining Machinery and Equipment Factories" (Zjednoczenie Fabryk Maszyn i Sprzetu Gorniczego) and the plans of this office for 1948 envisage the production of:

- 8,000 mine cars
- 600 pumps
- 2,400 drilling machines and installations for conveyor belts.
- 210 cutting machines. (These were tried out in 1947 and found to be very successful.)
- 220 pickaxes

7. Timber Supplies Central Office (Centrala Dostaw Drzewnych)

The target laid down is 260,000 cubic meters of sawn timber.

8. Brick Kilns of the Coal Industry

These are expected to produce 153,258,000 bricks, tiles, etc.

9. Investments

- a. More than 8,485,000,000 zl. have been earmarked for industrial and social welfare outlay, which is to secure adequate working conditions for the miners, and for the Scientific Research Institute of the Coal Industry, schools and training establishments.
- b. A sum of 2,178,000,000 zl. has been allocated for renovations.
- c. The sum of 2,727,000,000 z. is to cover the cost of supplies from abroad.
- d. The investments are to cover work in mines already producing coal including such items as the excavation of 3,198 meters of shafts, 2,615 meters of minor shafts (Szyldki), 3,175 auxiliary shafts, 58,626 meters of excavation (przekory), 23,494 cubic meters of chambers, and 32,854 meters of drilling.
- e. Moreover, work is to be continued on the construction of the new mines Zienowit and Wesola, and the main shaft of the Jaworzno mine, known as the Kosciuszko shaft, is to be thoroughly reconstructed, and mining work is to be carried out underground of the Gigant mine.
- f. The sum of 940,000,000 is destined for investments in mining machinery and tool factories at Zabrze, Rybnik, and Piotrowice (near Katowice), the aim being to render the Polish coal industry independent of supplies from abroad.

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